

NEWSLETTER 229 – September 2017

Next meeting: 23 November 2017. Rhu Church hall, from 7.15pm:

Member's season. In this meeting we will discuss *Varroa* and how it can be treated. Furthermore, Api-Bioxal will be available at the meeting ready for the winter treatment. This will be our last meeting prior to Christmas and thus the committee will provide a buffet. There will also be HDBA honey available for purchase at £5/jar.

What's happening in the hive?

At this time of year, not a huge amount. The hives should be ready for winter and the bees hunkering down until next year. Now's the time to plan and organize for the next tasks: a midwinter treatment for the *Varroa* mite. The best plan is to organize into geographic groups that can all treat at the same time.

4th Helensburgh Scout Group Beavers

On behalf of HBDA Michelle Berry spoke to the 4th Helensburgh Scout Group Beavers about bee-keeping. By all accounts it was a great night.



Winterfest

The Helensburgh winterfest will take place on the 2/3rd of December. We've received the layout and HDBA has a stand in a prime location. This is an opportunity to sell your honey/produce as well as promote beekeeping in general. Previous years have been hugely successful. To help keep things organized Nikki Monaghan is putting together a rota for manning the stall. Please could anybody who would like to help please get in contact (vixenlass@sky.com) to let her know.

Celia Burn MBE

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Celia Burn. Celia was a HDBA member with a real passion for the outdoors and local community. Such was her enthusiasm she convinced another member to take up beekeeping following the discovery of some hives in her shed. She will be sorely missed.

Link of the month:

https://www.ted.com/talks/anand_varma_a_thrilling_look_at_the_first_21_days_of_a_bee_s_life#t-125813

Here's what happens when a photographer takes on bees as a subject. Bonus: links to other bee Ted talks should be visible.